

PRINTER CAPABLE OF MANAGING A CONSUMABLE PRINTING MATERIAL

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A printer capable of managing a consumable printing product is described. The printer includes a printing mechanism, a sensor, a network interface, and a controller. The printing mechanism is arranged to utilize a consumable product during printing. The sensor generates a status signal indicative of a status of the printer. The network interface is operable to couple the printer to a network. The controller is operable to send an e-mail message to a maintenance computer through the network in response to
10 the status signal.